

Board of Selectmen Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
February 1, 2018 at 7:30 pm  
Town Hall Meeting Room

**Attendance:** First Selectman Chris Spaulding, Selectman Brian Gordon, Selectman Stephan Grozinger, Town Administrator Jonathan Luiz, Administrative Assistant Randi Derene and Weston Residents.

This meeting was videotaped and can be viewed on Channel 79 and on our Town of Weston website.

**1- Call to Order – 7:34pm**

**2- Pledge of Allegiance – led by: Michelle Albright**

- 3- Discussion/decision regarding appointing Michelle Albright and Karen Hein to the Children and Youth Commission for terms to end December 31, 2020.** Ms. Albright served as youth services director for several years and still wants to be involved. She has a PhD in clinical psych and she has a private practice where she works with kids and families. Ms. Albright also works with schools to help build curriculum and programs. Mr. Gordon stated he is excited to have her back. Mr. Grozinger stated he has known her for many years and is impressed with her resume. Ms. Hein stated she has lived here for 9 years. She explained that she wants to be part of what her kids are involved with such as the community, volunteering as a room parent, a coach, and a team manager
- Mr. Grozinger moved to appoint Michelle Albright and Karen Hein to the Children and Youth Commission for terms to end December 31, 2020. Mr. Gordon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**4- Discussion regarding Westport Compo Beach parking emblem fee increases.**

Mr. Spaulding gave some history and discussed next steps. He stated his goal would be to gather some ideas towards productive suggestions to address the problems that led to this point. He gave some history, stating this dates back to when we shared our transfer station - we would access compo beach and they would access our transfer station. He said Westport no longer uses our transfer station, but we still have the benefit of reduced rates. Mr. Spaulding stated that the drivers of this increase are the overcrowding of beach lots, increase in infrastructure, and maintenance and cleaning costs. He said we are trying to think about ways to mitigate fees, perhaps writing letters to their Selectman. Mr. Grozinger stated he is not sure there is much we can do, except point out the inequity of it. Mr. Gordon stated we want to keep a positive relationship. Mr. Luiz explained that our Town Clerk appealed for lower costs as well as stating selling permits has caused work to be deferred during peak summer hours. He stated that passes can currently be bought online or at Westport parks and rec office but we may want to appeal and ask if we can continue to supply this convenience to residents. The Selectmen would like to wait and hear suggestions from residents and then Mr. Spaulding would contact Westport First Selectman Jim Marpe.

**NO MOTION**

**5- Discussion/decision regarding a draft ordinance prohibiting waste associated with**

**natural gas and oil extraction** Mr. Luiz explained Town Council needs to review the ordinance and then we would need to have a public hearing to discuss it. Mr. Grozinger feels this ordinance isn't applicable to Weston. Mr. Gordon stated he thinks having the ordinance is a good thing, however he also feels that there isn't much of a concern here in Weston. Mr. Spaulding explained that he doesn't feel as comfortable and he would like to defer to Council. Mr. Gordon moved that the Town Attorney review and suggest changes to the draft ordinance prohibiting waste associated with natural gas and oil extraction, as presented. Mr. Spaulding seconded. Mr Grozinger was opposed. Motion passed 2-1. Mr. Luiz added he will ask the attorney to discuss the ordinance and go over

concerns, not just review and approve.

- 6- **Discussion/decision regarding accepting a resignation from Larry Cass from the Insurance Advisory Committee, effective immediately.** Mr. Grozinger moved to accept Larry Cass' resignation from the Insurance Advisory Committee, effective immediately. Mr. Gordon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 7- **Property Tax Refunds** Mr. Gordon moved to approve the Property Tax Refunds as presented for a total amount of \$56,405.69 Mr. Gordon seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Luiz added that the Tax Collector explained the reason why the refund amount was so large is that there were residents that wanted to pay their taxes before Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, but they weren't sure if the mortgage companies paid, so there were double payments.
- 8- **Minutes Approval: January 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>** Mr. Grozinger moved to approve the Board of Selectmen meeting minutes of January 18, 2018 as presented. Mr. Grozinger also moved to approve the Board of Selectmen meeting minutes of January 25, 2018 as presented. Mr. Gordon seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- 9- **First Selectman's Updates –**
  - a. **Cancel February 15<sup>th</sup> BOS Meeting due to school vacation** March 1<sup>st</sup> is next scheduled BOS meeting
  - b. **Virtual Net Metering Agreement** Mr. Spaulding stated the agreement had been reviewed by attorneys before he signed. We are now in the process of reaching a determination on fixed vs floating rate options.
- 10- **Executive Session to discuss possible sale of town-owned land** Mr. Gordon moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss possible sale of town-owned land. Mr. Grozinger

seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Spaulding and Mr. Gordon recused themselves from the discussion.

Mr. Grozinger and Mr. Luiz entered executive session at 8:14 pm. They exited executive session at 8:22 pm.

- 11- Selectmen Gordon moved and Selectmen Grozinger seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously at 8:24 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Randi Derene, Administrative Assistant

**Approved: 2/22/18**